

## STMA Synthetic/Natural Turfgrass Task Force finalizes Guide

**A**n 11-month project is nearing completion as the STMA Synthetic/Natural Turfgrass Task Force finalizes its publication, "Q&A to Guide the Selection, Construction and Maintenance of Synthetic and Natural Turf for Sports Fields."

The guide is written for a non-technical audience, targeting athletic directors, school boards, community sports organizations, coaches, parents, athletes and the general public.

It is divided into seven sections with each section equally addressing information for synthetic turf and natural turfgrass. The areas covered include:

- Field construction
- Management and cultural practices
- Special events

- Equipment
- Heat
- Health & safety of athletes
- Warranties

The guide also includes a glossary and resources to access for additional information. The guide will be available on the STMA web site at [www.sportsturfmanager.org](http://www.sportsturfmanager.org) in later this month and copies will be available at the annual Conference. The Task Force members include: Chairman Abby McNeal, CSFM, Mike Boekholder, Darby McCamy, Mike McGraw, Andy McNitt, Ph.D., James Newberry, A.J. Powell, Ph.D., Tony Strickland, CSFM, and Dave Wallace.

The task force plans to develop a more technical guide targeted to sports turf managers during 2006. ■

## STMA Calendar

**Jan. 5-7** American Baseball Coaches Association, Chicago, IL (STMA President Mike Trigg, CSFM, to attend)

**Jan. 12-14** IAAM International Stadium Managers Conference (ISMC), Tampa, FL (STMA President-Elect Mike Andresen, CSFM, and Board Member Jay Warnick, CSFM, are presenting).

**Jan. 18-22** STMA Annual Conference & Exhibition, *Disney's Coronado Springs* Resort and Convention Center, Lake Buena Vista, FL

**Feb. 6-11** Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Conference and Show, Atlanta, GA. (STMA exhibits)

**March 6-9** New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show, Providence, RI (STMA President Mike Trigg, CSFM, to present)

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